

Appl. No. 10/029,664
Amdt. sent August 12, 2004
Reply to Office Action of July 20, 2004

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 4, 9 - 17, 21, and 22 are pending.

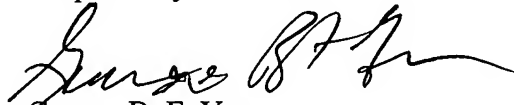
In response to the restriction requirement, claims 1 - 4, 9 - 17, 21, and 22 (Group I) are elected for further prosecution, with traverse of the grounds for the restriction requirement. Claims 5 - 8 and 18 - 20 have been canceled without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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